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1. [redacted] was held in the yard of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rasthenow (M 53/Z 15). A total of 50 to 60 officers and 800 to 900 EM, including personnel from the Pionier Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne were present. Documents found on 8 May at the trash dump which is used by units from all three barracks installations included:

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- a. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [redacted], postmarked 21 April 1951, examined by Censorship Office [redacted], and mailed from the Khabarovsk Krai.

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- b. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [redacted].

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- c. A letter addressed to a soldier of Unit [redacted], dated 20 April 1951, examined by Censorship Office [redacted], and mailed from the Zaporozhe Oblast.

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- d. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [redacted], examined by Censorship Office [redacted], and mailed from the Leningrad Oblast.

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2. On 9 May, a column of 1 jeep; 4 tractors, each towing a 122-mm guns and carrying 6 to 8 soldiers; and trucks [redacted] carrying troops and baggage, left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. There were three German women with the troops who had been employed in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne and had stated several days before that they would move to Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) with the troops.

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3. On 14 May, the Infanterie Kaserne quartered from 150 to 200 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were identified at the installation.

4. The Pionier Kaserne was occupied by only a guard detail. Sentries at the gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks, which seemed to haul supplies to the installation [redacted]

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5. Only a few soldiers were seen in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne between 10 and 14 May. The gun sheds were empty and the doors were open. There was no vehicular traffic. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. The Ziethen Kaserne seemed to house a supply installation. ** The subsidiary buildings, mostly stables, built prior to World War I, were individually guarded. Sentries at the barracks gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was going on in the billeting area. Trucks

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7. On 8 May, Camp Premnitz (M 53/Z 04) was occupied by only a rear unit of about 75 soldiers. There was no vehicular traffic.

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*. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] belongs to the addressees of several letters found in Rathenow.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Probably a supply unit of the IV Arty Corps, [REDACTED].

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. The observation by the two sources of only few troops in the barracks installations generally agrees with the last report from Rathenow and confirms reports by several [REDACTED] of components of the 6th Arty Div to Altengrabow.

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